Reference materials

Teachers are encouraged to use a range of reference materials throughout the course of study.

Text and reference books

A wide variety of texts and resource materials can be used as sources of information about Legal Studies. Book suppliers and publishers are able to provide information regarding current publications.

- Bailey, P 1993, Bringing Human Rights to Life, Federation Press, Annandale, NSW.

The following university guides provide a list of resources for Legal Studies:

Websites

Many websites can be used to enhance a course of study in Legal Studies, and these often include useful resources and links. Some particularly useful sites include:

- ABC TV, www.abc.net.au/tv
- Australian Constitution
- Australian Electoral Commission www.aec.gov.au
- Australian Institute of Criminology http://aic.gov.au
- ComLaw (Commonwealth of Australia law) www.comlaw.gov.au
- Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations www.deewr.gov.au
- Commonwealth Parliament www.aph.gov.au
- Family Court of Australia www.familycourt.gov.au
- Family law courts (complete list of links to Australian Courts and Tribunals)
  www.familylawcourts.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/FLC/Home/Links/Court+and+Tribunal+sites
- Family law court publications
- Federal Court of Australia www.fedcourt.gov.au
- FindLaw www.findlaw.com.au
- High Court of Australia www.hcourt.gov.au
- Queensland Courts www.courts.qld.gov.au
- Office of Fair Trading (Queensland) www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au
- Ombudsman — Commonwealth (for Commonwealth departments, defence and tax)
  www.comb.gov.au
- Parliamentary Education Office www.peo.gov.au
- Victorian Commercial Teachers Association www.vcta.asn.au
Newspaper reports

Many newspapers carry regular pages, columns and features about Legal Studies. Community newspapers can be a particularly useful source for local information. The compilation of news files on particular topics can broaden the students' knowledge base and provide a valuable source of material for developing assessment instruments.

- The Age www.theage.com.au
- The Australian www.theaustralian.com.au

Periodicals

Journals and periodicals provide current and relevant information. Journals and periodicals related to Legal Studies include:

- Addlib
- Choice
- E-Law www.murdoch.edu.au/elaw
- Law Institute Journal www.liv.asn.au
- Legaldate
- Legal Eagle
- Proctor
- The Bulletin
- The Verdict.

School librarians should be able to help identify and locate other useful periodicals.

Electronic media and learning technology

A wide range of electronic media, e.g. DVDs, are available on a variety of topics of relevance to Legal Studies. Learning technologies, e.g. software programs, are used to access information in a variety of forms, and to help students gain information communication and technology skills. Educational program distributors are able to supply up-to-date resource lists.

- AustLII databases www.austlii.edu.au/databases
- ANZRC (Australian New Zealand Reference Centre)
- JSTOR
- Expanded Academic
- ECHO
- State Library of Queensland
- Sydney University Digital Collections.
Organisation and community resources

- A variety of government and community organisations can provide expertise, advice, resources and information to assist in constructing and implementing a course in Legal Studies. Some of these organisations include:
  - Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry [www.acci.asn.au](http://www.acci.asn.au)
  - Australian Council of Trade Unions [www.actu.asn.au](http://www.actu.asn.au)
  - Business Educators' Association of Queensland [www.beaq.org.au](http://www.beaq.org.au)
  - Department of Justice and Attorney General (Queensland) [www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au)